

## **Minutes – Joint Meeting**

### **Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID**

**October 14, 2010**

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Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire, Carol Massie. Not Present: Jim McPartlin, Thaddeus Smith, and Mark Supper. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, Richard Falzone, and Patrick Olmstead. Not Present: Roxanna Sassanian. Liaisons: Bill Farrar, Mike Harkins, Joe Salazar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International; Sgt. Chuck Becerra, LASD; Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Richard Chavez, Space15 Twenty;

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 10:07 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved the minute notes from their September 9, 2010 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler gave an overview of the officers' activities for the last month. Seyler reported that all officers have completed training for the use of tasers and that they are looking to deploy the equipment beginning next week. The officers have made 953 combined arrests in the two BIDs for the year. Seyler also discussed with the committee some recent success stories where two homeless individuals, which BID Security had previously reached out to on multiple occasions, have moved into housing. Seyler said these stories were a testament to the continued dedication and efforts BID officers have made to try and help our homeless neighbors in Hollywood get connected with the proper resources.

B. Report from LAPD: Not in attendance. Morrison briefed the board on the planning meeting she attended for Halloween. Morrison said that the LAPD plan for this year is the same as last year, however due to a large rave taking place in Downtown L.A. there may not be as many officers available for the Hollywood area.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Kerry Morrison introduced the committee to Sgt. Chuck Becerra. Sgt. Becerra is taking the spot of Lt. Rodriguez, and will be overseeing the operations for both the Red and Gold line trains, while also continuing to monitor the situation at the W plaza/Vine Street portal. Morrison reported that a meeting took place last week with the W and the City Attorney and the language for signage has been approved. There will be three signs going up in the plaza sometime in the near future that will let visitors know that the area outside of the portal is private property.

D. Report from LA City Attorney's Office: Not in attendance.

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#### **V. Old Business**

A. Update on Activities Related to Community Impact Team/Sidewalk Nuisance Abatement: Morrison reported that there has been no news yet on the Characters' lawsuit of the city. Additionally, the community impact team will be meeting in November, to discuss their next topic: tour companies. Mitch O'Farrell has reached out to several City and State agencies to see what can be done to help mitigate the issues.

B. Progress Made in Homeless Outreach Efforts: Morrison gave a brief presentation which depicted the recent success stories of four formerly homeless individuals who have been either placed in a permanent care facility or an apartment. Through the BIDs efforts of pushing the County and City to work together, the hope is that these stories are just the beginning. Morrison also reported that the Gett Love food line would be shutting down its operations at Vista Del Mar on October 18 and will be permanently moving into the Social Services at Blessed Sacrament facility.

#### **VI. New Business**

A. Bollards on Yucca: John Tronson asked if Morrison and the staff could see if there was a way to remove the bollards on Yucca. The bollards have been there for some time and are in need of replacement. Additionally, they are a nuisance for individuals who are trying to use Yucca as an alternative route when Hollywood Boulevard is backed up. Tronson said he mentioned it to the Council Office and they seemed interested in the idea, but wanted to see if the BID could follow up. Morrison said the staff would look into it.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 11:02 a.m.